

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Fumio ABE et al.

Serial No. 08/857,585

Group Art Unit: 1764

Filed: May 16, 1997 Examiner: Nadine Georgianna Norton

For: HEATER AND CATALYTIC CONVERTER

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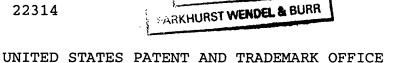
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2. Name and Address of Receiving Party(ies):

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